

Department of Veterans Affairs

§ 4.87

Rate as limited muscle function, diagnostic code 6090.

6092 Diplopia, due to limited muscle function.

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IMPAIRMENT OF AUDITORY ACUITY

§ 4.85 Evaluation of hearing impairment.

(a) Examinations are conducted using the controlled speech discrimination tests together with the results of the puretone audiometry test. The horizontal lines in table VI represent nine categories of percent of discrimination based on the controlled speech discrimination test. The vertical columns in table VI represent nine categories of decibel loss based on the puretone audiometry test. The numeric designation of impaired efficiency (I through XI) will be determined for each ear by intersecting the horizontal row appropriate for the percentage of discrimination and the vertical column appropriate to puretone decibel loss; thus with percent of discrimination of 70 and average puretone decibel loss of 64, the numeric designation is V for one ear. The same procedure will be followed for the other ear.

(b) The percentage evaluation will be found from table VII by intersecting the horizontal row appropriate for the numeric designation for the ear having the better hearing and the vertical column appropriate to the numeric designation for the ear having the poorer hearing. For example, if the better ear

has a numeric designation of "V" and the poorer ear has a numeric designation of "VII," the percentage evaluation is 30 percent and the diagnostic code is 6103.

(c) Table VIa provides numeric designations based solely on puretone averages and is for application *only* when the Chief of the Audiology Clinic certifies that language difficulties or inconsistent speech audiometry scores make the use of both puretone average and speech discrimination inappropriate.

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§ 4.86 Hearing aids.

The evaluations derived from this schedule are intended to make proper allowance for improvement by hearing aids. Examination to determine this improvement is therefore unnecessary.

§ 4.86a Evidence other than puretone audiometry and controlled speech.

When claims are encountered in which the medical evidence necessary to establish service-connection for hearing loss predates the use of puretone audiometry and controlled speech, service-connection will be determined under the provisions of §§ 4.85 through 4.87a of this part as in effect on December 17, 1987.

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§ 4.87 Determinations of auditory acuity.

By impairment of auditory acuity is meant the organic hearing loss for speech.